

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[FERC-512]

**Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments**

May 22, 1997.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to comments submitted July 28, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from and written comments

may be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael P. Miller, Information Services Division, ED-12.4, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michael P. Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 273-0837, and by e-mail at mmiller@ferc.fed.us.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information collected under the requirements of FERC-512 "Application for a Preliminary Permit" (OMB No. 1902-0058) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Sections 4(f), 5 and 7 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. Sections 791a *et seq.* & 3301-3432. The purpose of obtaining a preliminary permit is to maintain priority of the application for a license for a hydroelectric power facility while examining and surveying to prepare maps, plans, specifications and estimates; conducting engineering, economic and environmental feasibility studies; and making financial

arrangements. The conditions under which the priority will be maintained are set forth in each permit. During the term of the permit, no other application for a preliminary permit or application for a license submitted by another party can be accepted. The term of a permit is three years. The information collected under the designation FERC-512 is in the form of a written application for a preliminary permit which is used by Commission staff to determine the qualifications of the applicant to hold a preliminary permit, review the proposed hydro development for feasibility and to issue a notice of the application to solicit public and agency comments. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR 4.31-.33, 4.81-82.

**Action:** The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date.

**Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

Number of respondents annually (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1)×(2)×(3)
150	150	73	10,950

*Estimated cost burdens to respondents:* 10,950 hours divided by 2,087 hours per year times \$104,350 per year equals \$547,550. The cost per respondent is equal to \$3,650.

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an

organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

[Docket No. ER97-2724-000]

**Atlantic City Electric, Company; Notice of Filing**

May 21, 1997.

Take notice that on April 24, 1997, Atlantic City Electric Company (AE) tendered for filing its quarter 1997 Summary Report of all AE transactions pursuant to the market based rate power service tariff, made effective by the Commission on April 20, 1996 in Docket No. ER96-1361-000.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before June 2, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on